

BARTON-UPON-HUMBER URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the



MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF BARTON-UPON-HUMBER.

Gentlemen,

I present for your information my Annual Report for 1955.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

The area of Barton-upon-Humber is:-

6,343 acres of land and inland waters.
 838 acres of tidal waters.

The population is 6,340.

There are 2,257 inhabited houses in the town.

The rateable value of the district is £29,412.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Infantile Births and Deaths.

	Legitimate.			Illegitimate			Combined Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.	
Live Births.	46	53	99	-	2	2	101
Still Births.	2	1	3	-	-	-	3
<u>Infant Deaths.</u>							
(a) 0-4 weeks.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Under 1 year.	1	1	2	-	-	-	2

Deaths.

Male.	Female.	Total.
49	44	93

Birth and Death Rates.

	Barton-upon-Humber U.D.	England and Wales.
Crude Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population.	15.93	) 15.0.
Corrected Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population.	16.4.)
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total births.	28.8.	23.1.
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population.	14.67.	) 11.7.
Corrected Death Rate per 1,000 population.	13.06.)

x NOTE. The corrected Birth and Death Rates are obtained by multiplying the Crude Rates by the factors 1.03 and 0.89 respectively. These factors are supplied by the Registrar General and serve to make the Crude Rates for the district comparable with the rates for the country as a whole, or with the rates for any other area whose rates have been similarly modified.

<u>Cause of Deaths.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Tuberculosis, respiratory. -	-	-
Tuberculosis, other. 1	-	-
Other Infective and parasitic diseases 1	-	-
⌘ Malignant Neoplasm, stomach. 1	1	-
" " lung, bronchus. 3	1	-
" " breast -	1	-
" " uterus -	2	-
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms 6	3	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system. 6	17	-
Coronary disease, Angina 9	6	-
Hypertension with heart disease 1	-	-
Other heart disease 7	2	-
Other circulatory disease 1	2	-
Pneumonia 5	3	-
Bronchitis 1	3	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum 1	-	-
Hyperplasia of prostate 1	-	-
Congenital malformations 1	-	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases 2	3	-
Motor vehicle accidents -	-	-
All other accidents 1	-	-
Suicide 1	-	-
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	49	44
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⌘ Neoplasm equals Cancer.

Notifiable Diseases.

The following cases of infectious diseases have been notified to me during the year.

Whooping Cough	26
Measles	234
Pneumonia (Influenzal)	3
Acute Poliomyelitis	2

Health Services.

The Lindsey County Council has a Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, a School Clinic and a Tuberculosis Clinic at its premises at No. 50, Holydyke.

Maternity Homes are provided by the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board at Scunthorpe and Cleethorpes.

An Ambulance operated by the County Council is stationed at the County Fire Station, Holydyke, and is available for the residents of Barton and the surrounding district.

Accommodation for infectious diseases is provided by the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board at Brumby and elsewhere.

Pathological and bacteriological examinations are carried out at Lincoln by the Public Health Laboratory Service.

Water Supply.

The mains water supply has been of good bacteriological quality. Eight samples were taken during the year. Two samples taken after a new main had been brought into use were reported as "suspicious", but further samples proved to be satisfactory. In addition, regular samples are taken of both raw and treated water by the bulk suppliers, the North Lindsey Water Board.

The number of houses connected to the main supply is steadily increasing.

Sanitary Administration.

The report of the Sanitary Inspector is incorporated with this report.

I have the honour to be Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

F.P.H. BIRTWHISTLE,

Barton-upon-Humber.

Medical Officer of Health.

Annual Report of Sanitary Inspector, 1955.

I submit for your consideration my Annual Report for 1955.

1. HOUSING.

The statistical details relating to dwellinghouses are as follows:-

Total number of New Houses erected during the year	53
1. By the Local Authority	30
2. By other Local Authorities	-
3. By other bodies or persons	23

Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the year.

1. (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects .. (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	188
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	384
2. (a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under Sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925	5
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	12
3. Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	5
4. Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	132

Remedy of Defects during the year without the service of Formal Notice.

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of
informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers 100

Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

(a) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts:

1. Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	22
2. Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices:	
(a) By owners	22
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	-

the day, and he said, "I have got it, I have got it." He was very
pleased, because he had been working at it for some time.
I asked him if he would like to go into business with me,
and he said yes. So we started our own business, and we
have been doing well ever since. We sell all kinds of
antiques, and we also sell some modern furniture. We
have a large selection of antiques, and we have a lot of
experience in dealing with them. We are a family
business, and we try to treat our customers like
family members. We are open from 10:00 AM to
5:00 PM every day, except on Sundays and
holidays. We are located at 123 Main Street,
in the heart of the city. Come on in and see us,
we would love to meet you.

Housing Contd.

(b) Proceedings under Sections 9 and 10 of the Housing Act 1936

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	1
(2) Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	
(a) by owners	1
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	-

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act 1936 and Section 10 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	1
(2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	1
(3) Number of dwellinghouses subject to undertaking or Closing Orders	6

5. Unfit Houses.

It is estimated that there are 175 unfit houses in the Urban District. The Council decided to deal with 125 of these during the first five years of the Slum Clearance Programme. 96 houses are to be included in Clearance Areas, leaving 29 to be dealt with as Individually Unfit Houses. The Minister of Housing and Local Government approved the Council's Programme, the first year starting on 1st September, 1955. 24 houses were selected for demolition during the first twelve months.

Housing Act, 1949. Improvement Grants.

The Council approved 24 applications for improvement grants during the year. It was decided that as from 11th November, 1955 no further applications for grants would be considered until further notice.

2. FOOD INSPECTION AND FOOD PREMISES.

In Ministry of Health Circular 1/54 a request was made that the Health Department includes a detailed report on food premises in the district.

Type of Business.	Total Number.	Remarks.
Grocery and Provision Shops	32	
Ice Cream Vendors	17	Registered under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955.
Butcher's Shops.	8	Registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.
Fishmongers.	7	These include fried and wet fish shops.
Bakehouses.	3	
Cafes.	3	
Licensed Premises	15	
Sweet shops, Chemists, etc.	22	

Twenty-six inspections were made of premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

3. ICE CREAM.

There is one manufacturer of ice cream in the district. Sixteen other retailers of ice cream all sell wrapped nationally known brands and are equipped with refrigerators. Four samples were taken during the year and all were placed in Grade 1.

4. MILK SUPPLIES.

The Milk (Special Designations) (Specified Areas) Order, 1955 came into operation on 21st March, 1955. This Order which included the Urban District of Barton-upon-Humber in a "Specified Area" has the effect of making illegal the sale by retail for human consumption any milk other than "Pasteurised", "Sterilised" and "Tuberculin Tested" milks.

Seven samples of designated milks were taken during the year and all complied with the requirements of the Regulations.

5. MEAT INSPECTION.

Three private slaughterhouses are in operation.

The following table gives details of meat inspection work carried out during 1955.

Carcasses Inspected and Condemned.

		Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number Killed	.. .. ..	543	27	4	788	1315
Number Inspected	.. .. ..	543	27	4	788	1315
All diseases except Tuberculosis:-						
Whole Carcasses condemned	..	-	2	-	3	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	.. ..	169	7	-	90	54
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	.. .. .. ..	31%	33%	-	12%	4%
Tuberculosis only:-						
Whole carcases condemned	..	-	-	-	-	1
Carcase of which part or organ was condemned	.. .. .. ..	61	3	-	-	85
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis ..		11%	11%	-	-	6.5%

All the animals slaughtered in the town have been inspected.

Administration of the Factories Acts 1937 and 1948.

1. Inspection for the purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises.	No. of Premises in Register.	No. of Inspections.	No of Written Notices.	No. of occupiers Prosecuted.
(i) Factories in which Secs. 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	6	3	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	35	26	2	-
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers.)	1	1	-	-
Total	42	30	2	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars.	No. of Defects Found.	No. of Defects Remedied.	No. of Defects Referred to H.M.I.	No. of Defects by H.M.I.	No. of Defects in respect of which prosecutions were instituted.
Want of cleanliness Sec. 1.	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding Sec. 2.	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temp. Sec. 3.	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation Sec. 4.	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors Section 6.	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences Sec. 7.					
(a) Insufficient	2	1	-	2	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	1	1	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including Homework).	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	3	2	-	2	-

Outwork (Sections 110 and 111.)

No outworkers were reported in the Urban District during the year.

7. WATER SUPPLIES.

No. of houses with main supply in house (estimated).	Population.	No. of houses served by stand pipes (estimated).	Population.
1573	4419	544	1528

Number of houses without main water 140.

8. GENERAL SANITATION.

Nuisances.

Total number or nuisances during the year.

- (a) Abated as result of informal action by Sanitary Inspector 34
(b) Reported to Council - Statutory Notice issued 5

Deatils of Nuisances Abated.

	<u>After Informal Intimation.</u>	<u>After Statutory Notice.</u>
Smoke	1	-
Accumulation of refuse	1	--
Fowls, pigs and other animals	2	-
Dampness	5	-
Dangerous premises	1	1
Other nuisances	3	-
Drainage	21	2

Sewerage.

A Public Enquiry was held on the 27th January, 1955 by an Inspector of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government into the Council's application for loan sanction to carry out sewerage works in the district. The Ministry approved the Council's Scheme in principle.

By the end of the year, the Council had invited tenders for the first part of the scheme which includes new duplicate sewers in the Vestry Lane/Cottage Lane and Queen's Avenue/Butts Road areas together with a new outfall into the Barton Haven.

Sanitary Accommodation.

Number of houses with pail closets in district	307
Number of pail closets repaired	10
Number of water closets substituted for pail closets	26
Number of houses with water closets in district.. . .	1950

Sanitary Accommodation Contd.

Thirteen closet conversions were carried out voluntarily by the owners, a grant of £7. 10. Od. being made by the Council in each case. Statutory Notices were served in respect of thirteen conversions and the Council paid one half of the total costs involved.

9. RODENT CONTROL.

The number of premises treated for rats is shown below:-

Dwellinghouses	..	..	..	..	..	74
Other premises	..	..	..	..	..	20

The usual baiting of sewers was carried out twice during the year in Spring and Autumn.

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Sanitary Inspector.



